

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Hot temperatures coupled with below average rainfall returned across much of the State during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The United States Drought Monitor released on July 19 categorized exceptional drought (D4) rooted across 15.7 percent of New Mexico, unchanged from last week. Severe to extreme drought (D2-D3) was now reportedly covering 70.6 percent of the State. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse remained entrenched across virtually the whole State, compared with last year when nearly 73 percent of the State was classified as drought-free. Topsoil moisture levels were reported as 27 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 23 percent last week, 38 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 33 percent. Pasture and range condition was reported as 3 percent good to excellent, compared with 7 percent last week, 23 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 24 percent. Comments from across the State indicated that despite the recent reports of rainfall, the moisture has been spotty at best, and with the extremely hot temperatures, any precipitation that does fall is quickly absorbed leaving crops and pasture grasses with insufficient supplies for much growth. Reports from San Miguel County noted that the Acequias Irrigation Supply was low, with several areas having already run out of water. Precipitation was recorded at 33 out of 46 reporting weather stations, with Los Alamos, at 1.84 inches, reporting the largest accumulation during the week. El Morro, Ocate, and Quemado also totaled over an inch of rainfall during the week. Average temperatures ranged from 8 degrees below to 9 degrees above normal. Daytime highs varied from 80 degrees at Los Alamos and Navajo Whiskey Creek to 106 degrees at Conchas Dam and Tucumcari. Overnight lows ranged from 39 degrees at Angel Fire to 70 degrees at Conchas Dam. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe, compared with 1 percent light, 1 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent light and 10 percent moderate, compared with 5 percent light and 5 percent moderate last week. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 25 percent very short, 29 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 22 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 48 percent adequate last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 35 percent very short, 20 percent short, and 45 percent adequate, compared with 33 percent very short, 18 percent short, and 49 percent adequate last week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	86	81	87	89
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested .....	50	43	58	64
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	17	9	29	15
Chile				
Green harvested .....	3	--	4	1
Corn				
Silked .....	40	29	24	33
Cotton				
Squaring .....	52	41	54	69
Setting bolls .....	20	10	21	35
Onions				
Harvested .....	91	87	94	91
Peanuts				
Pegging .....	37	25	28	20
Sorghum				
Headed .....	10	1	9	6
Winter wheat				
Harvested .....	95	88	100	91
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	74	74	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed .....	76	76	NA	NA

NA – not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	38	47	25	27
Short .....	35	30	37	40
Adequate .....	26	22	34	31
Surplus .....	1	1	4	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	31	36	24	NA
Short .....	43	45	36	NA
Adequate .....	25	19	38	NA
Surplus .....	1	--	2	NA

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	32	23	--	1
Poor .....	3	4	11	5
Fair.....	12	13	23	31
Good .....	48	55	64	52
Excellent.....	5	5	2	11
<b>Chile</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor .....	8	11	3	NA
Fair.....	15	21	40	NA
Good .....	52	45	38	NA
Excellent.....	25	23	19	NA
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	10	3
Poor .....	5	2	7	3
Fair.....	37	34	28	30
Good .....	42	51	42	41
Excellent.....	15	12	13	23
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	8	2
Poor .....	15	15	5	9
Fair.....	47	45	43	40
Good .....	31	35	34	35
Excellent.....	7	5	10	14
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	23	21	9	18
Poor .....	46	44	32	27
Fair.....	28	28	36	31
Good .....	3	6	23	21
Excellent.....	--	1	--	3
<b>Peanuts</b>				
Very poor.....	3	1	--	1
Poor .....	21	12	8	8
Fair.....	42	51	61	70
Good .....	34	36	31	20
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
<b>Pecans</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor .....	--	--	2	1
Fair.....	4	3	4	20
Good .....	77	83	73	59
Excellent.....	19	14	21	20
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	13	3
Poor .....	5	3	10	8
Fair.....	59	55	52	48
Good .....	33	40	23	39
Excellent.....	3	2	2	2
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	3	4	2	NA
Poor .....	21	14	2	NA
Fair.....	44	45	31	NA
Good .....	26	33	55	NA
Excellent.....	6	4	10	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	10	7	10	NA
Poor .....	7	6	11	NA
Fair.....	35	40	25	NA
Good .....	40	45	52	NA
Excellent.....	8	2	2	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/New\\_Mexico/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-07222018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/NM-Weather-07222018.pdf)

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